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In re Patent of

ACTON et al

Atty. Ref.: 3948-4

Patent No. 6,881,231

Issued: April 19, 2005

For: REDUCTION IN MINERAL SALT DEPOSITION

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April 25, 2005

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Sir:

PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

The patentee in the above-identified patent hereby petitions and requests that the Patent and Trademark Office issue an official Certificate of Correction pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.322 to correct an error in the name of the assignee indicated on the face of the issued patent.

The issue fee transmittal form filed with the issue fee on March 10, 2005 incorrectly identified the assignees as "BP Exploration Operating Company Limited", and "Asymptote Limited". The assignee should be "Asymptote Limited" of "Cambridge, England", as evidenced by the attached Notice of Recordation of Assignment dated March 18, 2003. A Request for Corrected Name of Assignee on Issued Patent was submitted in the USPTO on March 21, 2005, but was not acted upon by the Office.

Applicants respectfully request that the name of assignee be corrected on the face of the issued patent to Asymptote Limited.

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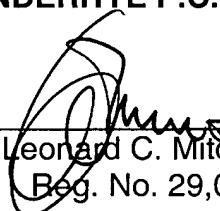
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The petition fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO. : 6,881,231
DATED : April 19, 2005
INVENTOR(S) : ACTON et al

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said letters patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Front page of the patent, left hand column (73) "Assignee", please delete "BP Exploration Operating Company Limited, London (GB);"

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BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY
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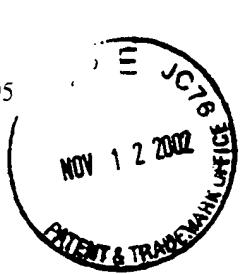
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<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:</p> <p>Name: Leonard C. Mitchard Internal Address: _____ Street Address: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C. 1100 North Glebe Road 8th Floor City: Arlington State: VA Zip: 22201</p>		<p>6. Total number of applications & patents involved: 1</p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account #14-1140</p> <p>8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper thereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.</p>		
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<p>9. Statements and signature. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.</p> <p>Leonard C. Mitchard Name of Person Signing Reg. No. 29,009</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>November 12, 2002 Date</p> <p>Total number of pages including original cover sheet, attachments, and document: [3]</p>				

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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

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ASSIGNMENT FOR PATENT APPLICATION
(U.S. Rights Only)

WHEREAS, BP Exploration Operating Company Limited, (hereinafter ASSIGNOR) of Britannic House, 1 Finsbury Circuit, London, England EC2M 7BA, owns rights in U.S. application Serial No 10/014,795 entitled REDUCTION IN MINERAL SALT DEPOSITION, by virtue of an assignment from the inventors dated December 13, 2001, recorded in the United States Patent & Trademark Office on February 12, 2002 at Reel 012573, Frame 0035;

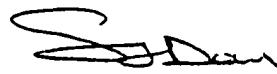
WHEREAS, Asymptote Limited (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the Country of England, having an office and place of business at St. John's Innovation Centre, Cambridge, England CB4 4WS is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNOR by these presents hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, ASSIGNOR'S entire right, title and interest in the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100, in and to the aforesaid application and all subsequent applications based thereon, including any and all continuations, divisions, reissues, and substitutes of said application, and all resulting patents, and the ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademark to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute any papers by ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, deemed essential to ASSIGNEE'S full protection and title in and to the rights hereby transferred.

AGREED and executed as noted below:

1 November 2002



Date

BP Exploration Operating Company Limited
Susan Janet DAY - By Power of Attorney

Witnessed by:

Name: Christine Gravenell Date: 1 November 2002
Christine Gravenell

Name: Sarah Gowers Date: 1 November 2002
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